

To: Ostrander, David[Ostrander.David@epa.gov]
From: Barry, Michael
Sent: Thur 9/24/2015 10:42:38 PM
Subject: Re: Additional constituent sampling

That's what I thought too but wasn't sure.

I've reached out to staff on the answers.

Just entering Durango from mine visit. Had a great visit with Steve and Ralph gave a great tour. I have a much better understanding of the operation and its challenges now.

Cheers
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On Sep 24, 2015, at 4:33 PM, Ostrander, David <Ostrander.David@epa.gov> wrote:

Fyi. There are some short holding times that have been exceeded. Check with technical staff on limitations of samples.

From: Sheryl Rogers [<mailto:rogers@lpcattorney.org>]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 4:25 PM
To: Barry, Michael
Cc: Grantham, Nancy; Joe Kerby; Joanne Spina; Foster, Althea; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; Ostrander, David; PFoster@wrightwater.com; Jakoby Leslie; mdeamico@wrightwater.com
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WWE has all of the bottles ready for next week. It is our desire to have the samples taken within the adit prior to the water or sediment reaching the shotcrete application. We assume an EPA contractor with appropriate safety certification will be available to assist WWE as Matt is not certified for the confined space. Is this the case?

With respect to the second sample drawn by EPA, we assume the samples were preserved correctly and are not past their hold time. If this is the case, WWE can be available tomorrow to transport them to the lab. Otherwise, there is concern as to the appropriateness of the hold time. Clarification on this point would be appreciated.

Sheryl Rogers

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I'll confirm with the mine if one day is better than the other. I did discuss this sampling in general with the mine on my visit today.

To confirm, Wright Water Engineers will perform the sampling, have their own glassware, etc, but need epa transport/escort from the Gladstone CP to the GKM adit?

They also desire the extra sample(s) epa took on Monday?

Preliminary logistics for day of sampling.

1630-1645 hrs. Arrive Gladstone CP then proceed to Adit and perform sampling.

Driving time to Gladstone cp from Durango approx 1:20 to 1:30.

If anyone wants to be dropped off the cc list on detailed coordination please let me know.

Cheers

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On Sep 24, 2015, at 1:24 PM, Sheryl Rogers <rogers@lpcattorney.org> wrote:

Hi Nancy. Given the schedule, Matt DeAmico from Wright Water Engineers will be able to sample on either Tuesday or Wednesday after 5 pm. Please let me know which will work best for EPA. We would like the additional sample collected by EPA. Is it possible to give it to Matt or what are the logistics?

Sheryl

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 24, 2015, at 9:09 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Sheryl,

Below is the answer re: sampling options at the mine next week. Please let us know what date you think the County would like to schedule. Also, has the County decided whether you would like to utilize (in addition to the sample collection next week) the additional sample collected by EPA?

Thanks

Nancy Grantham

In order to limit impacts on the critical activity at the Mine, by La Plata County's request to take samples at the adit, Incident Command recommends the sampling be conducted Sunday or after 5 pm on a weekday next week.

From: Sheryl Rogers [<mailto:rogers@lpcattorney.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 2:33 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
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Thanks Nancy. Just to clarify, is Sunday the date that has been chosen for us to complete the sampling? Based on email traffic I thought perhaps you were also exploring a week day early next week.

Sheryl

From: Grantham, Nancy [<mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>]
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Sheryl et al,

The answer to your question is below:

Water and sediment collected from the pool inside the adit, as far back as could be safely accessed, approximately 50 feet inside mine opening.

Also, do you know if someone representing the county will be available on Sunday, 9/30/15 to participate in the sampling the County would like to do? There will be someone on site who can assist with collection of the sample(s).

Please let me know and we will make the necessary arrangements.

Thanks

Nancy Grantham

From: Sheryl Rogers [<mailto:rogers@lpcattorney.org>]
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Nancy: In addition to the issues we discussed earlier, can you find out where Dan Wall pulled his samples from?

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